

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-30 are pending. The claims have not been amended.

The examiner has reiterated his grounds for rejection in the current final Office action, first presented in an action mailed June 3, 2005. The examiner further has asserted on page 10 of the current action that Hekhuis teaches both a grammar and a formal language.

Submitted herewith is a Declaration by the inventor under 37 C.F.R. Section 132, traversing the examiner's ground for rejections and his assertions.

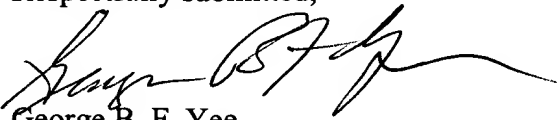
Hekhuis was relied on for the Section 102 rejection of independent claims 1, 6, and 27. It appears that Hekhuis is the sole teaching for the Section 103 rejection of independent claim 11. It further appears that Hekhuis was the primary reference for the rejection of independent claim 18, and that Narad was relied on only for teaching the DFA aspects of claim 18.

As stated in the Declaration, Hekhuis does not teach a language definition having a grammar, or processing network data by parsing the network data using the grammar in accordance with a formal language processing technique.

To the extent that Hekhuis was relied on solely or primarily for the rejection of the independent claims 1, 6, 11, 18, and 27, the rejection of the claims are believed to be overcome.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

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